

VALIDATION OF THE SUPERTRIBE ASTERODAE

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ABSTRACT

The name for the Asteraceous supertribe Asterodae is validated.

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In Robinson (2004) supertribes were introduced for the Asteraceae subfamily Asteroideae. At that time the supertribes Helianthodae and Senecionodae were validated and a supertribe Asterodae was left as a remnant. More recently Jim Reveal has called to my attention the lack of autonomy above the generic rank (Greuter et al. 2000) and this is confirmed by D. H. Nicolson of the U. S. National Herbarium. The result is that the remnant group Asterodae was not validated, lacking the necessary formal statement and latin. This brief note is intended to correct the oversight.

Asteraceae, subfamily Asteroideae, supertribe **Asterodae** H. Rob. **supertribus nov.** type *Aster* L. *Achaenia* in parietibus non phytomelaninifera plerumque raphidifera; bracteae involucri non subvalvatae plerumque non herbaceae plerumque gradatae margine saepe late scariosae; thecae antherarum non vel longe caudatae; appendices antherarum abaxialiter non concavae; apices stylorum obtusae vel triangulares vel truncatae; receptacula raro paleata.

The included tribes are the Anthemideae Cass., Astereae Cass., Calenduleae Cass., and Gnaphalieae Cass. ex Lecoq. and Juillet.

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